

# FAST FACTS

## about Speech Pathology Clinic

### What is Speech Pathology Clinic?

Speech Pathology Clinic is for children and youth from birth to age 21 who have suspected or known communication, speech, language, voice, or fluency problems but who do not have access to evaluation resources provided by school systems or other public or private organizations.

### Who can make a referral?

Children's Rehabilitation Service (CRS) welcomes referrals for Speech Pathology Clinic from concerned consumers, family members, agencies, physicians, and interested individuals. Referrals may be made to any CRS office. An order for evaluation and treatment from a physician is required.

### What happens at Speech Pathology Clinic?

A speech language pathologist (SLP) will contact the child's family to schedule a session to assess his or her needs. At this session, the SLP will evaluate the child and identify problem areas, refer for treatment, and monitor communication differences. A hearing screening also may be provided. A licensed social worker will assist in the coordination of the care that is recommended for the child.

Possible diagnoses include:

- stuttering
- stroke
- vocal nodules
- traumatic brain injury
- muscle paralysis (dysarthria)
- lack of muscle coordination (dyspraxia)
- difficulty saying what one wants to say correctly or consistently (developmental apraxia)
- other severe communication disorders

### What happens after Speech Pathology Clinic?

Once the evaluation is complete, the SLP will provide an explanation of the results and recommendations; a written summary of the assessment, including any recommendations; referrals as indicated; follow-up assessment as needed or requested.

*For more information  
about the Speech Pathology Clinic in your area,  
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